

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1842

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to prevent acid mine drainage
into the Great Lakes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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mine drainage into the Great Lakes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this Act is to protect the water quality
5 of the Great Lakes from the harmful effects of acid mine
6 drainage.

7 **SEC. 2. UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PROGRAM.**

8 Section 1421(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
9 U.S.C. 300h(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(4)(A) The regulations of the Administrator under
2 this section shall prohibit—

3 “(i) in the case of a program for authorization
4 of underground injection by permit, the issuance of
5 a permit for any underground injection associated
6 with the mining of a sulfide ore body within 20 miles
7 of any of the Great Lakes unless the applicant for
8 the permit demonstrates to the satisfaction of the
9 State (or the Administrator in the case of a program
10 prescribed under section 1422(c)) that the mining
11 activity will not result in acid mine drainage into the
12 Great Lakes; and

13 “(ii) in the case of a program which provides
14 for such an authorization by rule, the promulgation
15 of a rule that authorizes an underground injection
16 described in clause (i).

17 “(B) In this paragraph—

18 “(i) the term ‘Great Lakes’ means Lake On-
19 tario, Lake Erie, Lake Huron (including Lake St.
20 Clair), Lake Michigan, and Lake Superior, and the
21 connecting channels (Saint Mary’s River, Saint Clair
22 River, Detroit River, Niagara River, and Saint Law-
23 rence River to the Canadian Border); and

1 “(ii) term ‘sulfide ore body’ means a mineral
2 deposit in which metals are mixed with sulfide min-
3 erals.”.

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